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MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - FEBRUARY, 1959

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31st December, 1958 -

Males - 366,356 Females - 347,227 Persons - 713,583

Metropolitan Statistical Division at 30th June, 1958 -

Persons - 382,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	JANUARY		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1959	1958	1958	1957
Marriages - Number	493	531	5,038	4,897
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	8.13	8.93	7.14	7.08
Births - Number	1,409	1,532	16,731	16,924
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	23.24	25.75	23.71	24.47
Deaths - Number	386	487	5,554	5,297
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	6.37	8.19	7.87	7.66
Infant)- Number	32	25	360	357
Mortality) * Rate per 1,000 Live Births	22.71	16.32	21.52	21.09

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH

Tuberculosis	3	1	27	36
Malignant neoplasms	63	71	880	819
Diabetes mellitus	2	4	57	66
Diseases of blood, etc.	2	-	14	15
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	52	68	691	594
Diseases of the heart	114	148	1,814	1,613
Hypertension with heart disease	6	10	154	153
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	3	4	53	61
Arteriosclerosis	9	15	126	139
Influenza	-	-	9	43
Pneumonia	4	17	204	208
Bronchitis	4	6	74	62
Other respiratory diseases	1	7	62	80
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	4	45	44
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	4	2	30	20
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	1	10	8
Cirrhosis of the liver	2	2	32	27
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	3	64	71
Disease of the prostate	5	11	47	58
Maternal causes	-	-	8	11
Diseases of early infancy	19	18	201	211
Motor vehicle accidents	19	18	191	155
Other accidents	20	21	171	194
Suicide	5	12	103	95
All other causes	45	44	487	514
Total:	386	487	5,554	5,297

* Equivalent Annual Rate

† Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the two months ended February, 1959, totalled 194,679 acres, a decrease of 121,466 acres compared with the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 4,443,057 acres, an increase of 4,240,244 acres compared with the corresponding period of 1958.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	4,753,006	4,325,216	37,349,619	34,997,871
Revenue per Head of Population	6. 13. 0	6. 3. 5	52. 11. 11	50. 5. 0
Expenditure	4,832,529	4,545,213	41,609,956	38,618,348
Expenditure per Head of Population	6. 15. 3	6. 9. 9	58. 11. 11	55. 9. 0

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of February, 1959, amounted to £68,582,329 or £95-18-5 per head of population as against £64,644,232 or £92-4-4 per head at the end of February, 1958.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the four weeks ended 25th February, 1959, amounted to £20,925,835 compared with £15,871,599 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Transfers	No. 1,564	£. 1,599	12,636	13,106
	£. 3,019,123	3,129,455	20,905,530	22,533,821
Mortgages	No. 1,174	£. 1,258	9,746	9,737
	£. 2,373,663	2,165,397	18,759,687	18,589,680
Discharges of Mortgages	No. 924	£. 1,031	7,265	7,421

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS

AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
February, 1959	£. 4,019,376	£. 3,050,248	£. 9,256,648	£. 591,047
February, 1958	£. 3,927,918	£. 2,636,715	£. 11,202,701	£. 582,291
Eight Months ended February, 1959	£. 32,299,142	£. 24,903,351	£. 79,662,102	£. 4,826,201
Eight Months ended February, 1958	£. 31,037,092	£. 22,892,578	£. 85,161,597	£. 4,600,689

COMPANIES REGISTERED

148 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £7,372,850 and 81 Foreign Companies were registered during the eight months ended February, 1959. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 188 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £7,498,000 and 67 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Eight Months ended FEBRUARY					
	1959			1958		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	77	271,608	76,385	74	137,877	44,445
Deeds of Assignment (a)	65	355,298	312,204	68	326,963	274,288
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Gross Earnings (a) *	£.	1,212,800	1,012,200	7,550,900
Working Expenses (a)	£.	1,205,942	1,157,956	8,614,255
Train Miles Run	No.	675,508	587,468	4,390,961
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b) 96,217	(c) 102,061	(d) 660,198
Passenger Journeys -				
Train	No.	1,098,377	1,057,767	8,233,018
Motor Bus	No.	23,230	23,318	156,154
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods		367,358	270,817	1,906,706
Livestock		10,302	8,867	98,542
Departmental (Free Freight)		56,801	51,057	421,041
	Total:	434,461	330,741	2,426,289
				2,337,589
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods		56,522,402	43,259,919	312,735,223
Livestock		1,302,266	1,055,106	13,302,283
Departmental (Free Freight)		5,109,073	4,734,043	39,119,187
	Total:	62,933,741	49,049,068	365,156,693
				355,375,742

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

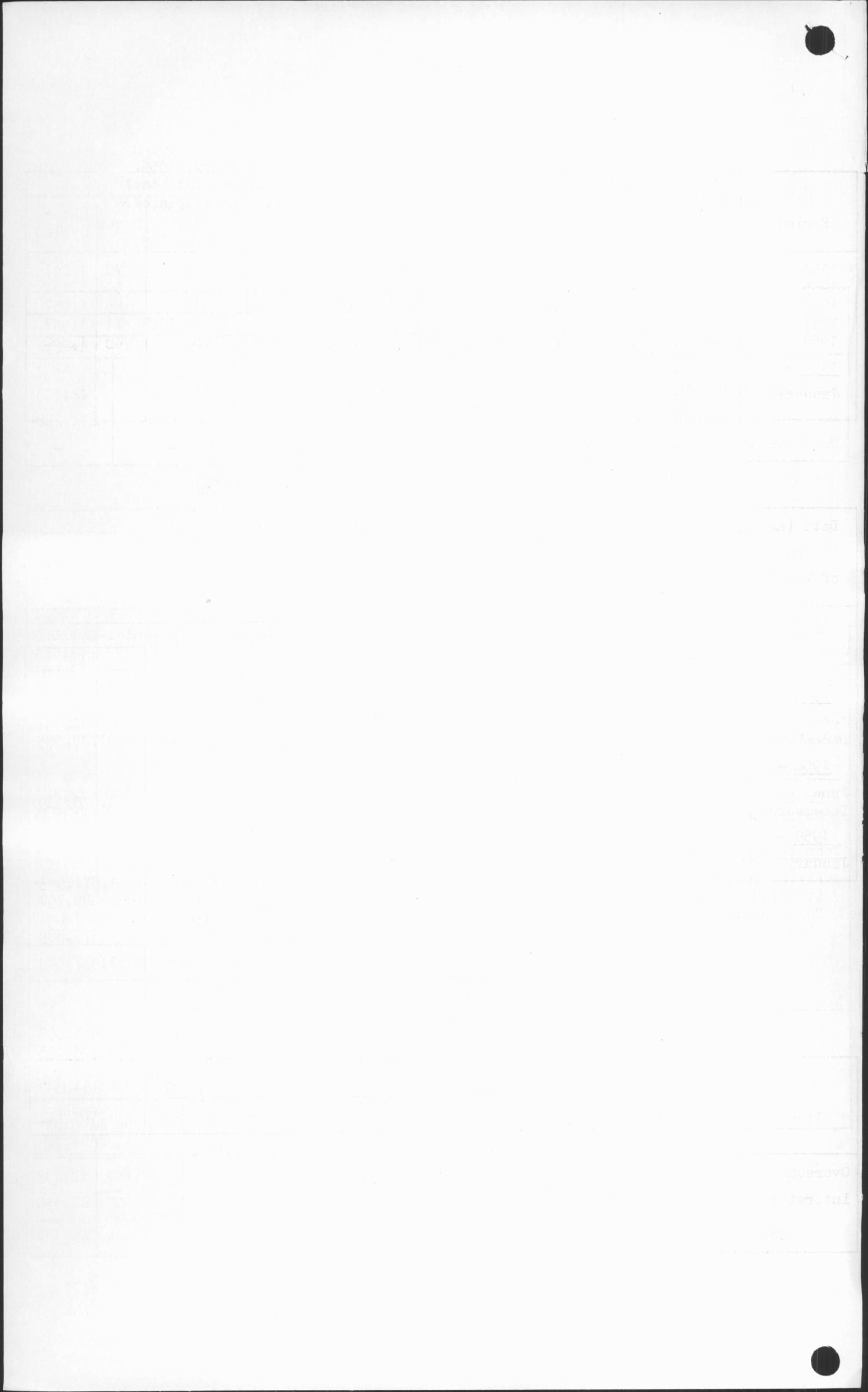
(b) Four weeks ended 3rd January.

(c) Four weeks ended 4th January.

(d) Period 1st July to 3rd January.

(e) Period 1st July to 4th January.

* Figures subject to revision.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1954	6,499	161	2,326	34	736	11,667	217	5,866	70	1,267
1955	6,852	162	2,371	18	701	11,612	233	5,373	59	1,130
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
<u>1959 - January</u>	435	77	180	-	149	732	118	419	3	182

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
<u>1956 - June December</u>	(b) 61,835 (b) 64,158	(b) 24,169 (b) 24,641	548 553	9,253 9,133	(b) 98,875 (b) 101,708	(b) 64,430 (b) 64,765	1,175 1,189	13,873 13,551
<u>1957 - June December</u>	65,013 67,315	24,354 24,209	560 592	8,770 8,389	103,788 107,052	64,806 64,236	1,204 1,234	13,146 12,599
<u>1958 - June December</u>	69,414 73,190	24,217 24,908	553 545	8,580 8,759	110,573 114,685	65,046 65,582	1,190 1,177	12,827 12,935
<u>1959 - January</u>	74,068	25,172	560	8,870	115,044	65,100	1,082	12,826

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

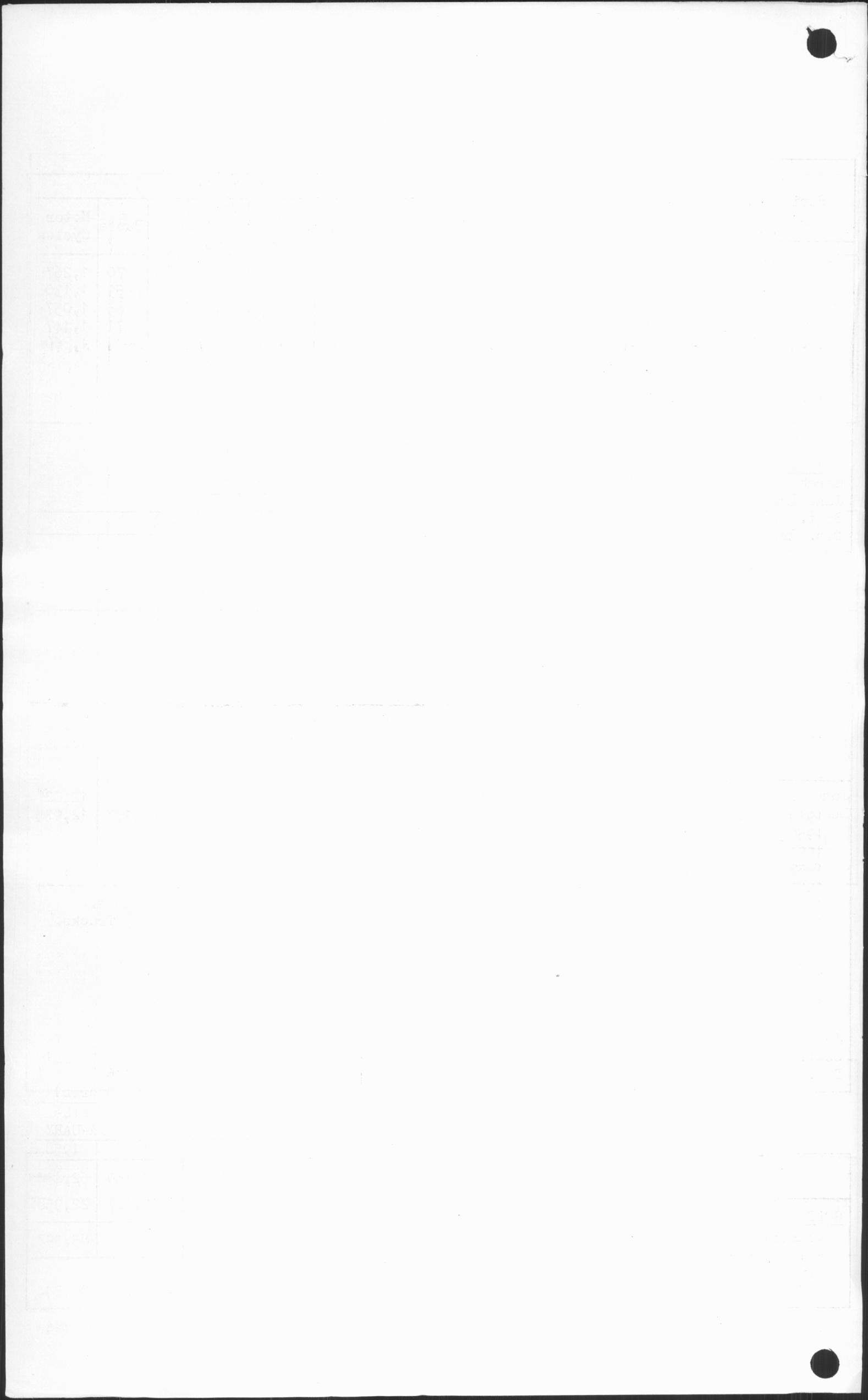
(b) Prior to June, 1957, Station Wagons are included with Utilities, Vans, Trucks.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

(£,000)

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY		JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958
Oversea	4,218	3,798	29,267	25,953	8,715	7,844	52,759	62,434
Interstate	5,906	7,077	56,944	55,421	2,479	4,071	19,607	22,958
Total:	10,124	10,875	86,211	81,374	11,194	11,915	72,366	85,392



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<u>1956 -</u>								
June	(b) 61,835	(b) 24,169	548	9,253	(b) 98,875	(b) 64,430	1,175	13,873
December	(b) 64,158	(b) 24,641	553	9,133	(b) 101,708	(b) 64,765	1,189	13,551
<u>1957 -</u>								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
<u>1958 -</u>								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
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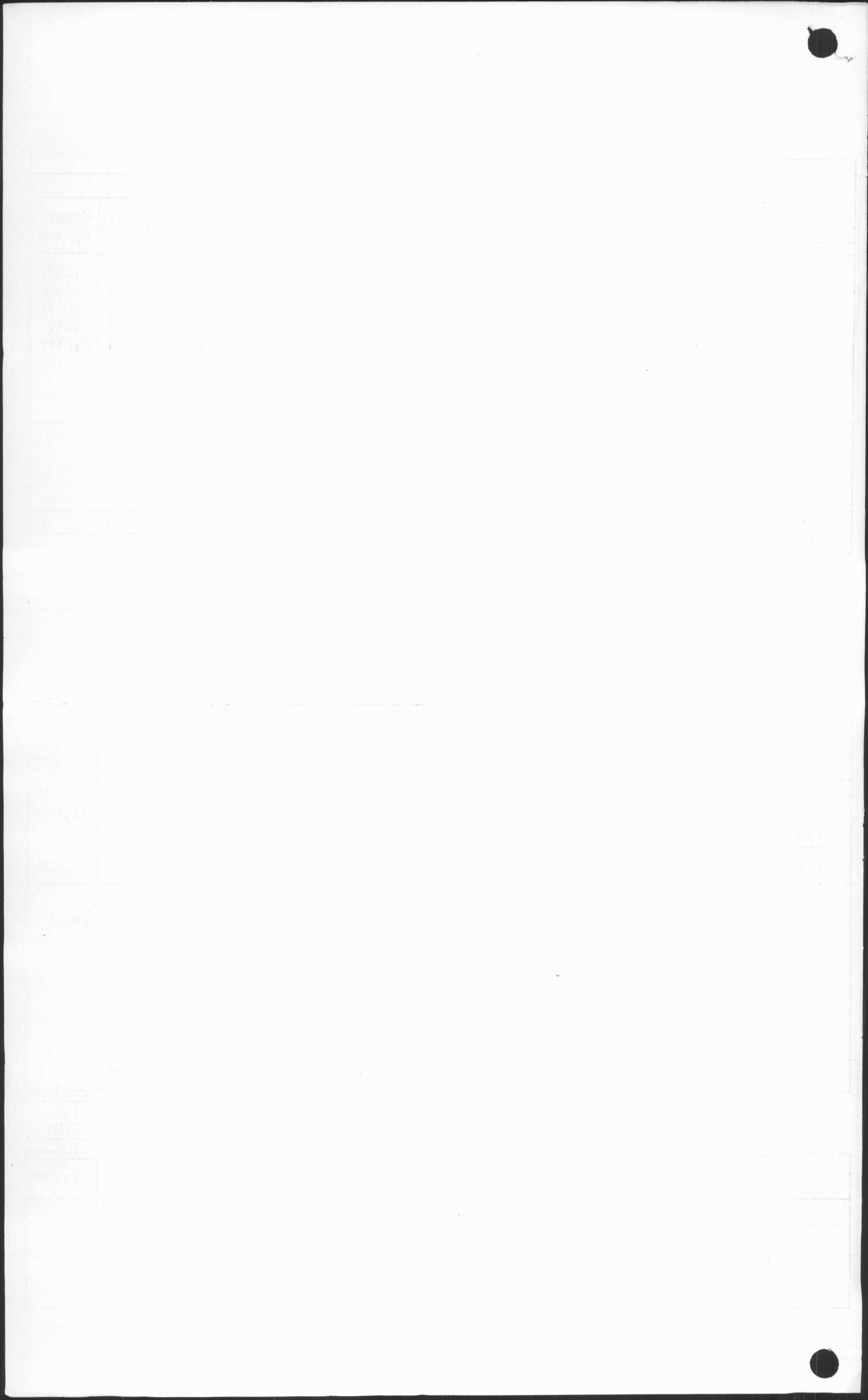
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BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
<u>1958 -</u>										
March Qr.	249	700	1,057	3,233	28	356	162	2,144	1,496	6,433
June Qr.	369	1,086	1,122	3,379	35	515	185	1,508	1,711	6,488
Sept. Qr.	210	601	1,139	3,483	35	422	171	5,200	1,555	9,706
Dec. Qr.	543	1,497	1,320	3,883	48	558	196	1,883	2,107	7,821

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residential excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

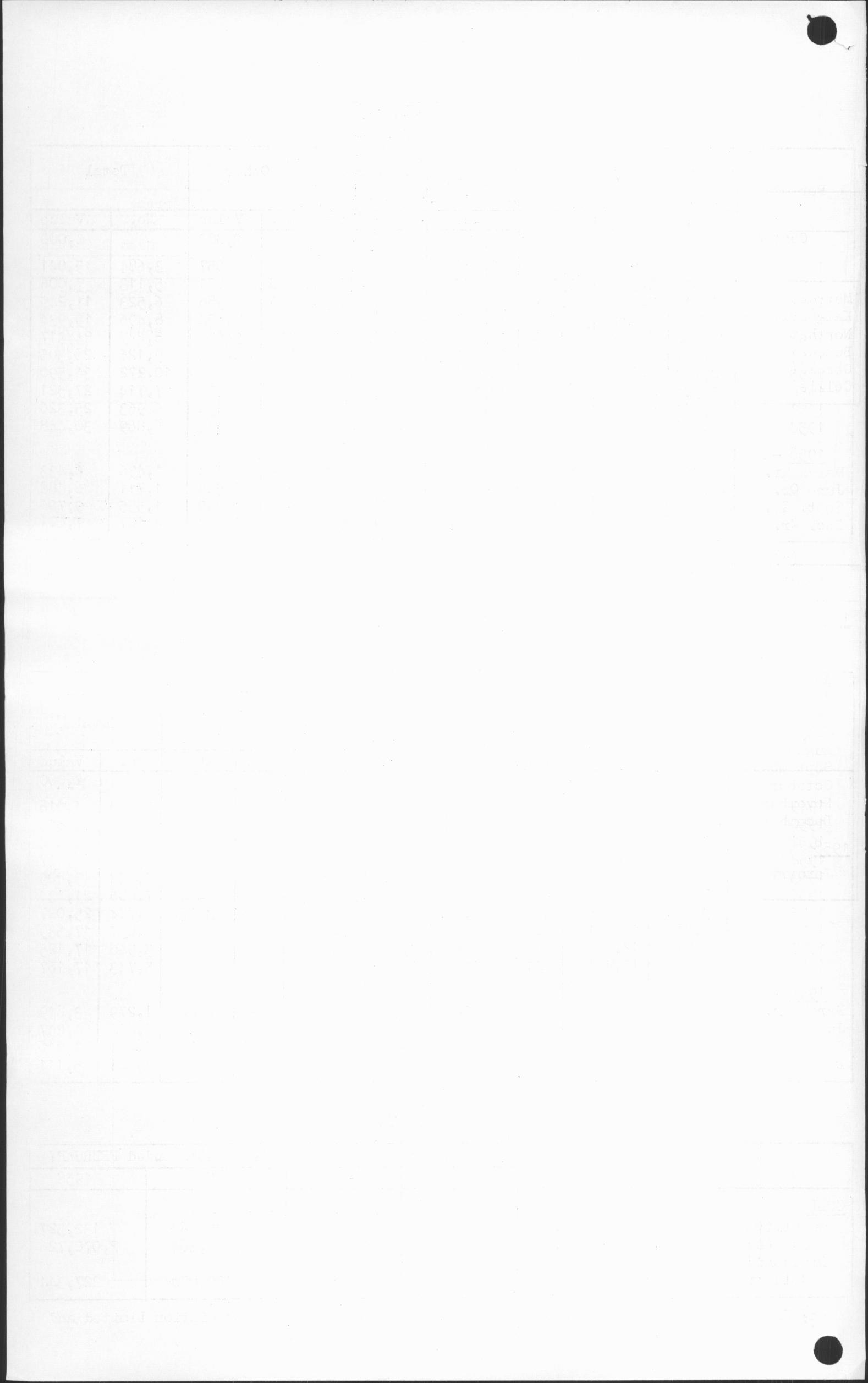
(includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
<u>1958 -</u>										
March Qr.	904	2,943	4	10	371	896	-	-	1,279	3,849
June Qr.	945	3,174	8	21	470	1,100	1	2	1,424	4,297
Sept. Qr.	821	2,762	11	33	461	1,114	1	1	1,294	3,910
Dec. Qr.	1,094	3,622	18	51	633	1,437	1	1	1,746	5,111

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	FEBRUARY		Two Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
GOLD				
Quantity	Fine oz.	65,035	65,965	128,960
Value (Aust. Currency) (a)	£.	1,016,164	1,030,690	2,014,384
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£.	150,000	227,344	150,000
				227,344

(a) Excludes additional premiums on gold sold by Gold Producers' Association Limited and subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.



RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	DECEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
Metropolitan Area	2946	2963	3046	2972	2707	2755	2729	2743
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3160	3232	3214	3205	2617	2670	2625	2653
Northam	3087	3087	3142	3093	2686	2711	2691	2707
Bunbury	3142	3044	3142	3111	2765	2785	2749	2790
Geraldton	3211	3247	3229	3231	2926	2974	2916	2955
Collie	3157	3146	3173	3183	2509	2527	2504	2531

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private
Domestics, Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service
Trainees in Camp).

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1957:</u>				<u>1958 (cont.):</u>			
February	139.7	45.2	184.9	February	138.7	45.7	184.4
March	140.0	45.5	185.5	March	139.5	46.0	185.5
April	139.4	45.0	184.4	April	139.0	45.9	184.9
May	138.9	45.1	184.0	May	138.7	45.9	184.6
June	138.4	44.5	182.9	June	138.6	45.8	184.4
July	138.0	44.8	182.8	July	138.0	45.8	183.8
August	138.1	44.9	183.0	August	138.3	46.1	184.4
September	138.4	45.2	183.6	September	138.8	46.4	185.2
October	138.7	45.3	184.0	October	139.2	46.4	185.6
November	139.2	45.8	185.0	November	139.0	46.7	185.7
December	138.9	46.1	185.0	December	139.3	47.0	186.3
<u>1958:</u>				<u>1959:</u>			
January	139.0	45.3	184.3	January	139.3	46.5	185.8

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
January	226	237	241	232	231	226
February	228	240	241	235	233	
March	231	242	240	236	234	
April	230	243	239	234	233	
May	231	242	238	234	230	
June	230	239	235	231	228	
July	230	238	231	229	226	
August	230	239	230	229	226	
September	232	241	233	232	226	
October	233	241	233	232	227	
November	234	243	233	233	228	
December	233	242	232	232	227	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1958 are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
27/10/58	13. 13. 5	8. 17. 9	13. 13. 4	8. 17. 8	13. 11. 6	8. 16. 6

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

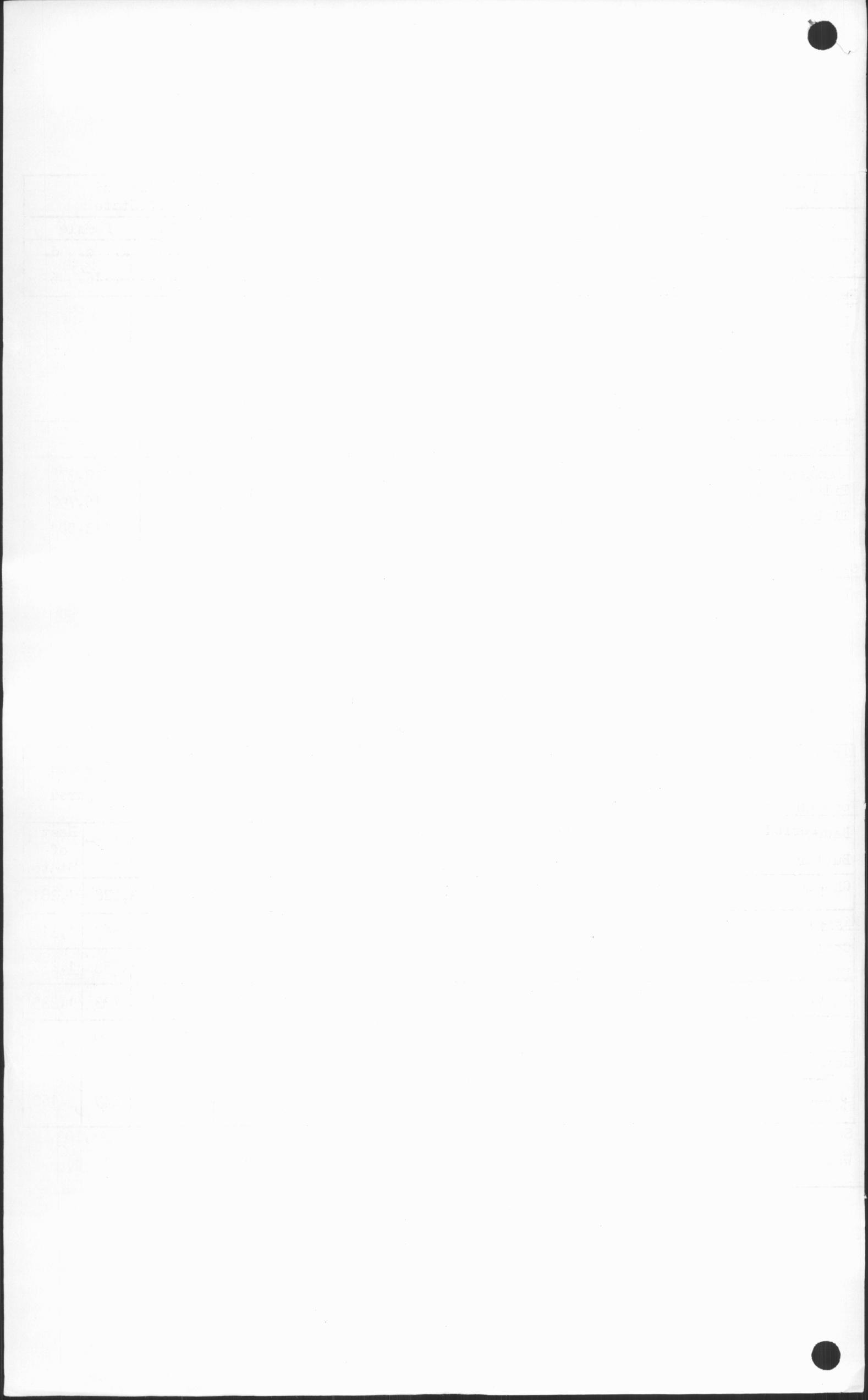
Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
January, 1959	12,761	1,482	94,814	42,607	12,378
January, 1958	10,068	568	67,449	35,280	16,792
7 Months ended January, 1959	100,777	7,992	677,323	576,370	113,584
7 Months ended January, 1958	77,625	3,920	405,235	484,753	118,640

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro- politan	Rest of State	Metro- politan	Rest of State	Metro- politan	Rest of State	Metro- politan	Rest of State	Metro- politan	Rest of State
1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
1956	5,866	2,095	2,161	875	8,027	2,970	102	80	2,653	1,236
1957	6,150	2,193	2,244	976	8,394	3,169	87	65	2,733	1,335
1958	6,614	2,077	2,412	1,039	9,026	3,116	80	103	2,990	1,488
1959 - January	447	200	194	89	641	289	6	9	249	162



MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS

(SUBJECT TO REVISION)

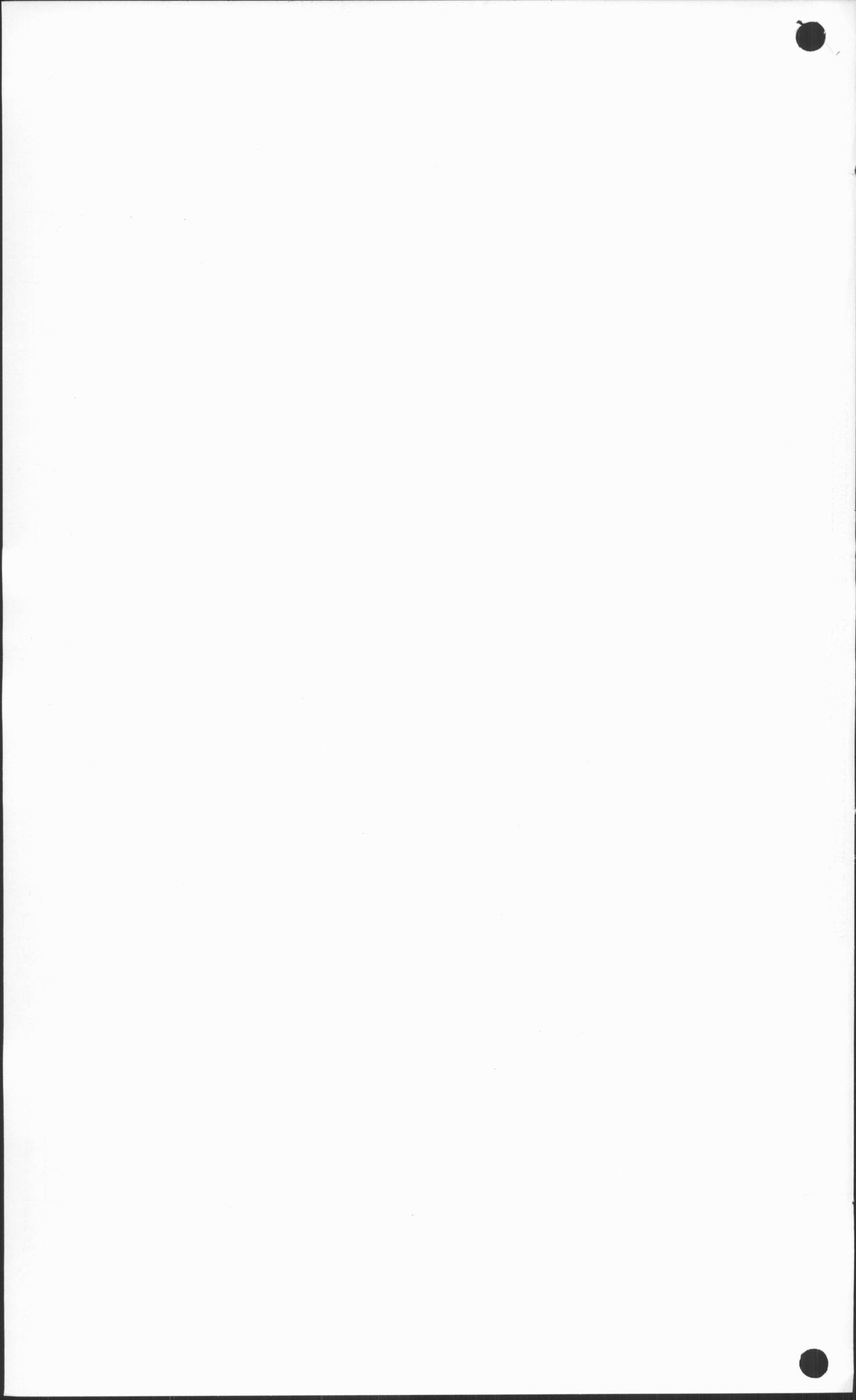
Item	Unit	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	393	409	3,419	3,591
Bricks - Cement	'000	63	269	832	1,495
- Clay	"	7,348	7,590	60,779	68,828
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yd.	113	129	851	1,025
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	1,455	1,975	14,908	18,122
Paints (d) and Enamels - Ready for use	gallon	21,231	26,548	183,072	193,705
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	512	532	3,560	4,799
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (a)	'000 sup. ft.	14,321(b)	15,659(b)	124,531(c)	119,422(c)
<u>Clothing</u>					
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	828	527	8,282	6,368
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	"	4,591	4,495	39,135	37,274
Sports Coats - Men's	number	116	392	1,920	2,807
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	"	32	52	469	769
2 piece	"	1,263	1,168	10,732	12,052
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	4,638	5,461	38,818	38,334
- Work	"	9,170	14,986	96,675	97,059
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	491	464	4,439	4,514
Butter	"	317	298	11,711	13,142
Cheese	"	98	101	2,070	2,042
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Coal	ton	77,897	63,156	586,464	560,608
Electricity Generated	'000 K.W.H.	69,696	66,050	574,491	549,926
Mattresses - Inner Spring	number	2,941	2,981	22,237	19,269
- Woven Wire	"	1,386	4,847	16,500	19,284
- Soft Filled	"	3,188	3,343	23,026	24,514
Motor Vehicle Bodies - Trailers (all types)	"	36	8	178	82
Sulphuric Acid	ton	17,965	22,464	127,491	142,263
Superphosphate	ton	49,382	62,429	348,634	393,703
Wool Scoured	'000 lb.	2,428	2,225	17,421	18,275

(a) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

(b) January figures, February not available.

(c) Seven months ended January.

(d) Excluding Water Paints.



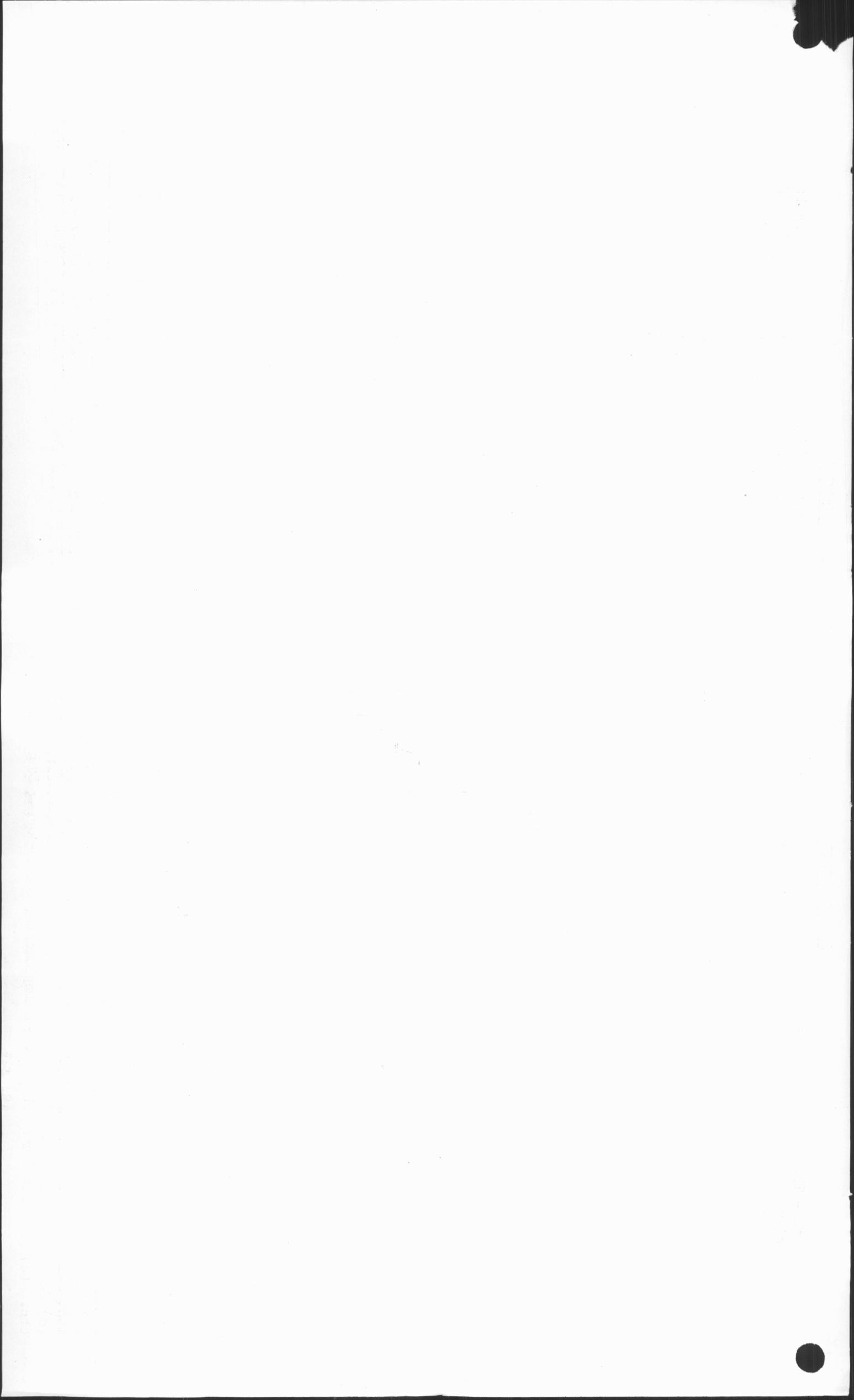
VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The figures for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1956-57 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for 1957-58 and quarterly periods are estimates based on sample surveys and are subject to revision when final results of the 1956-57 Census of Retail Establishments are available.

(& Million)

Period	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (a)	Beer, Wine, Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Piecegoods & Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (b)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (c)	Total Excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol (d)
<u>YEARS</u>											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	24.7	126.4	37.3
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	28.1	10.1	7.5	6.1	30.3	155.8	49.3
1957-58	29.1	11.5	20.6	17.9	29.3	12.1	8.1	6.7	33.7	169.0	58.1
<u>QUARTERS</u>											
March Qtr.											
1955	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.2	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	8.0	36.4	11.5
1956	6.7	2.4	4.9	4.4	5.8	2.5	2.1	1.4	8.1	38.3	12.2
1957	6.6	2.6	5.0	4.5	6.0	2.8	1.8	1.5	8.5	39.3	11.6
1958	7.1	2.8	5.3	5.0	6.2	2.9	2.0	1.5	9.0	41.8	14.7
June Qtr.											
1955	6.4	2.4	3.8	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.6	8.0	37.2	12.4
1956	7.0	2.7	4.4	3.5	7.3	2.7	1.5	1.4	7.9	38.4	10.6
1957	7.0	2.8	5.0	3.9	7.4	3.0	1.8	1.6	8.2	40.7	12.7
1958	7.4	2.9	5.2	4.2	7.6	2.9	1.7	1.7	8.7	42.3	14.7
Sept. Qtr.											
1955	6.5	2.6	4.4	3.3	6.7	2.6	1.8	1.6	7.0	36.5	12.9
1956	6.7	2.7	4.5	3.6	6.6	2.6	1.6	1.5	6.9	36.7	10.6
1957	7.0	2.9	4.8	3.9	6.8	2.8	1.8	1.7	7.4	39.1	13.7
Dec. Qtr.											
1955	6.9	2.5	4.7	4.1	8.0	3.0	2.6	1.7	8.5	42.0	13.3
1956	7.1	2.6	4.9	4.4	8.1	3.0	2.2	1.7	8.2	42.2	11.7
1957	7.6	2.9	5.3	4.8	8.7	3.5	2.6	1.8	8.6	45.8	15.0

(a) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (b) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.).
 (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc.



AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

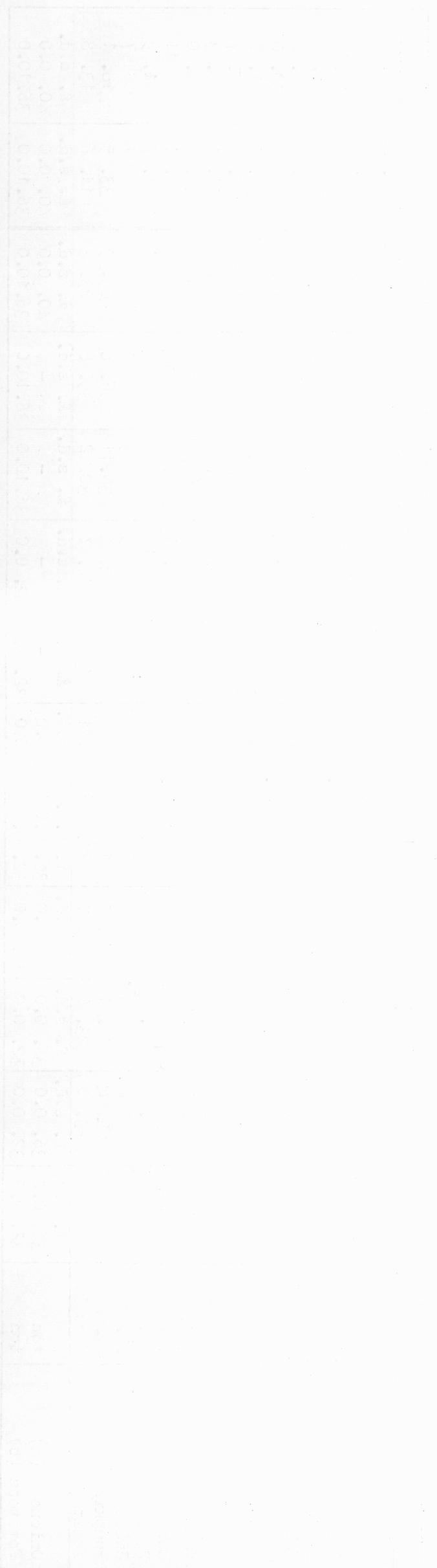
Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1958												1959	
		Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	
<u>FRUIT</u>															
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	s. d.													
Oranges - Navel	bush.	35. 5	41. 9	28. 0	21. 2	12.10	13. 3	11.10	13. 7	14. 1	19. 5	22. 4	23. 6	20.10	-
- Val.	bush.	-	-	-	31. 9	27. 5	29. 7	34. 0	38. 5	40. 6	51. 2	-	-	-	-
Bananas - Local	lb.	22. 8	27. 9	34. 2	32. 7	-	-	30. 4	33. 6	30. 9	36. 7	39.11	40. 3	43. 6	8
Apples - G. Smith	bush.	10	11	1. 1	1. 2	1. 2	1. 3	1. 4	1. 3	1. 3	1. 1	9	1. 0	-	-
- Other	bush.	-	18. 5	30.11	28. 0	25. 2	30. 6	28. 7	27. 3	27. 7	36. 6	54. 6	-	-	-
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	29. 3	27. 4	37. 1	35. 3	34. 1	39. 2	41.10	34. 0	43. 6	49. 6	49. 6	33. 6	24. 7	-
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	28. 9	30. 6	31. 2	-	-	27. 2	25. 3	-	-	-	-	29. 0	16.10	-
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	28.11	27. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35.11	-	-
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	18. 0	29. 2	46. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.11	22. 6	-
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	17. 3	20. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18. 6	17. 6	-
Grapes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	21. 9	24. 6	25. 0	29.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19. 8	16. 4	-
<u>VEGETABLES</u>															
Cabbage	crate #	s. d.													
Cauliflowers	dozen	11. 6	6. 4	5.10	6.10	7. 0	7. 3	6. 1	5. 2	5. 2	6. 0	5. 5	9. 4	13. 8	-
Lettuce	crate	18. 0	16. 1	18. 4	11. 0	14. 6	19. 2	15. 8	6. 7	18. 2	16. 8	-	-	18.10	-
Table Celery	doz.head	12. 9	11.10	12.11	7. 6	10. 6	7. 9	9. 6	7. 5	7. 1	8. 0	9. 9	14. 2	8. 3	-
Beetroot	cwt.	8. 9	13. 3	12. 5	10.11	12. 1	8. 4	8. 7	9. 2	6. 6	9.10	9. 9	7. 7	8. 2	-
Carrots	cwt.	62. 5	33. 2	34.10	26. 1	32.11	35. 5	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	33.11	35. 5	50. 0	-
Parsnips	cwt.	29. 8	37.11	33.10	20. 8	20. 7	17. 6	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	27.11	32. 5	46. 2	-
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	42. 0	50. 2	55.11	48. 0	51. 7	46. 5	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	51.11	67.10	93. 7	-
Swedes	cwt.	7.10	5. 2	5. 7	5.11	6. 9	5. 1	5. 1	5. 6	7. 3	9. 6	9. 4	11. 1	15. 3	-
Runner Beans	lb.	48. 1	40. 0	28.10	26. 2	22. 8	20. 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	43. 7	56.10	64. 0	-
Peas	lb.	1. 10	1. 5	1. 5	1. 4	1.10	1. 4	1. 1	11	8	9	11	1. 7	1. 9	-
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	1. 10	1. 5	1. 5	1. 4	1.10	1. 4	1. 1	11	8	9	11	1. 7	1. 9	-
Pumpkin	bag	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	-	-	-	-	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	-
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0
Onions (a)	ton	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0
Potatoes (b)	ton	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	-	-	-	-	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	-

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area. ≠ 50 lb. crate.

(b) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

(c) Not available.



AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Item	1958												1959	
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	
	£. s. d.													
<u>Good Quality Sheep</u>														
Suckers	-	-	-	-	-	4.14. 1	3.18. 6	3. 6. 9	3. 3. 9	3. 2. 1	-	-	-	-
Lambs - In Wool	4. 3. 9	4. 2. 8	3.19.11	4. 9. 1	4.15. 0	4.11. 8	3.14. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Shorn	-	-	-	-	-	3.13. 3	3. 4. 9	-	3. 2. 4	2.18. 0	3. 0. 9	3. 4. 2	3.16. 5	
Hoggets - In Wool	3.16. 3	3.14. 8	3. 9. 8	3.11.11	-	3.19.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Shorn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2. 7. 7	2. 9. 1	2.11. 3	3. 0. 4	
Ewes - In Wool	2. 7. 5	2. 9. 3	2.10. 1	2.13. 4	2.18.11	2.17. 2	2.17. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Shorn	-	-	-	-	2. 1. 1	1.19. 3	1.14. 9	1.15. 6	1. 9. 9	1. 8. 2	1.12. 1	1.13.11	1.18. 6	
Wethers - In Wool	3. 6.10	3. 9. 2	3. 4. 1	3. 8. 7	3.13. 2	3. 3. 3	3. 0. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	
- Shorn	-	-	-	-	2.15. 9	2.10. 0	2. 6. 7	2. 6. 4	1.16. 3	1.16. 8	1.19. 3	2. 4. 5	2. 7. 5	1. 1
<u>Good Quality Cattle</u>														1
Baby Beef	29. 6. 3	28. 5. 8	30. 8. 8	37. 2. 4	35.13. 5	35.14.10	33.17. 2	31.14. 7	29. 0. 2	28.17.10	27. 1.10	28. 2. 8	29. 4. 9	
Heifers	33.10. 4	32. 9. 2	35. 9. 3	41. 2. 6	40.12. 8	38. 7. 3	38. 4. 7	35.18. 1	34. 2. 4	34. 0. 4	33. 8. 7	37. 5.11	-	
Cows	40. 9. 2	39.15. 1	41.12. 4	43.10. 5	43.13. 1	42.14. 1	42. 1. 1	39.18. 9	39.16.11	39.11. 3	39. 4.10	40. 3. 3	40. 3.11	
Steers	42.15. 9	41. 4. 1	44. 7. 9	48.13. 2	46.18. 5	46.14.11	47. 5. 0	44.17. 9	45. 5. 6	42.13. 5	42.15. 9	43. 0. 0	44. 1. 0	
Bullocks	-	-	53.18. 9	-	52.10. 7	46.10. 7	60. 9. 4	56. 4. 5	54. 8. 0	48.16. 1	44.16. 9	-	-	
<u>Good Quality Pigs</u>														1
Slips	2. 9. 9	2.19. 1	3. 0. 0	3. 0.11	3.18. 4	4. 5. 1	4. 9.11	4.14.11	4.16. 4	4. 9.10	5. 0. 9	5.14.11	4.18. 5	
Porkers	6.19. 0	7. 5. 6	6.16. 2	7. 6. 8	8. 8. 4	8. 6.10	8.10. 1	8. 6.11	9. 3. 7	8.18. 0	9. 2. 9	9. 6. 4	9. 1. 3	
Baconers	11.14. 9	11.15. 7	11.11.11	11.18. 7	13. 2. 9	13. 2. 9	13. 6. 6	14. 0. 0	14. 6.11	14. 5. 2	14. 4. 4	14. 7. 7	14.11.10	

